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Dr. Beryl Rice Leads Assembly In Planning Job, Education Action

By Edmond Hodge
Southwester Staff Reporter

On March 28, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) held its monthly meeting at the Southwest Branch Library. Nineteen members were on hand to tackle an agenda that consisted of a workshop on "Strategy Planning for SWNA in 1994" and nominating officers to the SWNA board of directors.

Dr. Beryl Rice, chair of the Youth Activities Task Force presided at the workshop, whose principal goal was to improve the community's health and safety, and to build closer relationships with youth.

The meeting began with attendees divided into two groups, each person pairing off with a partner discussing what assets s/he brings to the community and the SWNA. Afterwards, both groups analyzed 12 activities derived from Article IV of the SWNA bylaws (statement of SWNA's chosen duties) and prioritized their top three selections.

Jobs First

The top three priorities of Group I were 1) employment opportunities and adult training programs; 2) improvement and expansion of recreational facilities and 3) improvement of adult and youth educational opportunities.

Its spokesperson, Mrs. Thelma Jones, presented the Group I analysis, announcing its intention to concentrate mainly on youth education, becoming involved with developing programs for young people.

Group I would use financial and human resources, acquire materials to build study skills for scholastic aptitude tests (SATs). Such items would include SAT handbooks and the materials to conduct SAT preparation classes. Jones saw a need for integrating youth with adults in the Southwest community.

Priority on Security

Heading the Group II priority list were issues of neighborhood security, promotion of harmony, understanding and cooperation among residents of diverse socio-economic backgrounds, and production of expanded employment opportunities and adult training programs.

Alfonso Coles, spokesperson for Group II, proposed establishing a Neighborhood Watch Program and eliminating loitering and drug markets. He raised questions about stray animals and pollution. Although Coles did not propose a solution, he urged all SWNA members

"to be vigilant in protecting the community from these kinds of threats."

One way to accomplish this, Coles argued, would be to find out what laws are available to combat these problems.

Insect Infestation

Another Group II member, Burnetta Coles of the James Creek area, then directed everyone's attention to the problem of insects called the family Chrysomelidae, a problem of which most SWNA members seemed unaware. Mrs. Coles researched the insects' last summer by planting a vegetable crop in her yard, which produced alarming results, flea beetles biting with swift movement undetected by the human eye. It was later learned through a conversation with a doctor at the Extension Service that this insect only bites plants, not animals.

Results of the Workshop

Even though the workshop revealed different interests in Groups I and II and among some of the SWNA members, it stimulated debates and allowed members to channel their energies in a positive direction toward consensus. These coincidental interests were evident several times when members expressed a deep concern for more community support for SWNA and participation in it.

Members also voiced common interests in forming petitions and campaigns which would make others aware of issues and at the same time present recognizable action to be heard.

Displaying comradely communication and the ability to work well and effectively with one another, members of the SWNA put their strategy in perspective, noting that it takes time to implement plans.

A hint was given that the SWNA meeting under Dr. Beryl Rice's direction was successful, and at least productive, when Mrs. Peggy Jackson suggested having a workshop once a month with subcommittees organized to handle the group's ideas.

Officer Nominations

As the meeting drew to a close, Mrs. Ethel Williams accepted nominations for officers to the board of the Assembly. Several members, including Charles Har-
graves, Peggy Jackson, and Nathaniel Polster declined to accept nomination for treasurer, secretary, and president respectively.

Closure of Del. Ave. Block Voted by Capitol Park IV

For the second time in recent years the condominium board of Capitol Park IV has voted to close the Delaware Ave. entrance to Capitol Park with an iron fence. The first vote was never implemented.

The move this time had only two opponents on the board, President Robert Bolle and Treasurer Carol Cowgill.

The board monitors crime reported monthly by police in southwest D.C. There has been recurrent vandalism against automobiles and car thefts, some break-ins, muggings, and petty thievery of flowers and yard furniture, though more of the offenses take place in most months in high rise apartments near Capitol Park, rather than in the project, itself.

In March there were two break-ins at Capitol Park IV. March crime figures are incomplete. In February a car was stolen from Third & I Sts., a theft was made from an auto on the 100 block of G St., and an armed robbery took place at nearby South Capitol St. None of these auto incidents would have been discouraged by the proposed fence.

Capitol Park IV is between Third St. and Randall Park playing field at South Capitol and Eye Sts. SW, and between Eye St. and the Eisenhower Expressway. All expressway construction years ago cut Delaware Ave. One portion now ends at a traffic circle a block north of Eye St.

The Delaware Ave. entry to one of the Capitol Park IV residential parking lots will close to autos if the board's plans are implemented. Pedestrians will need a key to enter a gate in the iron fence planned. Residents using the southern end of the parking lot will enter from G St. instead of Eye St.

If no counter action is taken, the fence building is likely to proceed this time when the city issues a permit for construction. In the past there was a question about erection of the fence on public property, which might be used, according to how the exact emplacement of the fence is chosen. In this case, the issuance of the

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Lonnie Murray, Beryl Rice, Margaret Feldman, and the current President John Brown all accepted nomination for offices of treasurer, secretary, vice president and president.

Due to a freezing rain on the evening of the meeting, there was a poor turnout and SWNA members voted to leave vacancies on the ballot to permit write-ins on election day.

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Slowly but surely, the staff of the *Southwester* is expanding. That helps to ensure that we will be able to cover all the news in this area of the city. However with the printing costs & distribution costs, we spend between \$1500 and \$2000 a month. What we need are more advertisers. Any of you know a person who would like to advertise in our paper? Calls about something to sell or buy (classified) come to me at 488-3355. Yes, we will have classified ads starting next month. All phone calls regarding standard ads, call Bob Omohundro at 484-8470.

Our "Wish List" goes on. 1. volunteer to help the editor with office tasks, 2. people willing to type (on computer keyboard) and who want to learn to make articles camera-ready, 3. People with fundraising ideas. Give me a call if you think that you can help.

Sincerely,

Carole Early
Editor & Manager

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Deadline for classifieds

The deadline for classifieds is the same as the regular deadline - the first Wednesday of the month.

SWNA Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will be **Monday April 25th at 6:30 pm at St. Matthews Church, 3rd & M St.**

Many events are planned for that night. The officers and board representatives of the Assembly will be sworn in. The chairs of the SWNA task forces will give their annual reports. Most importantly, we will be hearing a speaker address the subject "The Role of the Civic Association Today". This is very timely since we should answer some questions raised at the workshop. Lastly, elections will be held for the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation. During "intermission" we will be entertained by the winning Amidon Cheerleaders led by Ms. Carpenter. Mary Kay door prizes will be provided by Thelma Jones. See you on the fourth Monday of the month.

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RIVER TREK '94 - LOCAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION HOSTS DC WALKATHON

Washington, DC--On Sunday, May 15, 1994 (rain or shine), the National Kidney Foundation of the National Capital Area will host its 13th Annual River Trek '94 along Washington's scenic Southwest Waterfront.

Formerly "Canal Trek", River Trek '94 not only has a new name but a new date with more promising weather and a new, more convenient location.

Join Grand Marshall Ken Beatrice of WMAL AM 630 and Chairman of River Trek '94 Kate Hanley to help the National Kidney Foundation reach its goal. With the national capital area having the highest incidence of kidney disease, it is vital that the community support the fight against kidney disease by walking on May 15th. All funds raised will benefit the local Kidney Foundation's programs in research, patient services, public information, professional education and organ donation.

Coming at one of the prettiest times of the year, River Trek '94 follows a scenic, ambling course along the Southwest Waterfront, East Potomac Park, The Tidal Basin and both the Jefferson and Washington Monuments.

To sign up for River Trek '94, call 202/244-7900 and request a registration form. Request one for your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family too! This is a wonderful way to spend a fine spring day and all for a great cause too! Walkers can walk individually or as a team. To form a "team", you must register a minimum of seven people.

Once registered, it's time to head out to secure sponsors and collect pledges towards the walkathon. Registration on May 15th is at 8 am outside the DC Harbor Police Headquarters, 550 Water Street, SW.

Sponsors for River Trek '94 include Ogden Martin Systems Company, Newstalk WMAL AM 630, The Washington Waterfront Association, and the Gangplank Restaurant.

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permit, with placement of the fence on either public or private property, is likely to be approved unless citizens object.

Citizens can object to the Advisory Neighborhood Commission at its regular meetings, to their representative on the D.C. Council, to the D.C. Fire Dept., which has an interest in easy access to Capitol Park IV, since many homes there are located in courtyards and not sited on any street.

The most influential of these possible places of protest is the Advisory Neighborhood Commission. It is the most easily reached. If the Commission asks the city to delay the permit, this is likely to happen as a courtesy to the Commission to give it time to hold hearings or to investigate.

Citizens advocating erection of the fence can go to Commission meetings, which are announced in the Southwester and open to the public, if their care to support the fencing.

Auto traffic for some years has been blocked from driving through Capitol Park via Delaware Ave. by a chain installed by Capitol Park IV. Pedestrians, however, have been able to walk through. Under the proposed arrangements, pedestrians wanting to reach G St. from Eye St. would need to walk west of Delaware Ave. one block to Third St, which is still open to through traffic by autos and pedestrians. The street is fitted with several speed bumps.

Auto traffic under the new arrangement could reach the south end of the Delaware Ave. parking lot from G St. The present chain blocking that entry would be removed if the fence were installed. Capitol Park residents using the north end of the parking lot would not be affected. The use of the G St. entry now.

The main advocate of the erection of the fence when board approved it in 1989 was the head of the neighborhood watch committee organized in Capitol Park. When he moved out of town the watch committee and the fence project fell through. One reason the fence project was abandoned was because of its potential for hindering emergency vehicles answering calls in cases of fire or illness.

The fence is estimated to cost more than \$16,000, which, if it is erected, will be paid for by the Capitol Park IV condominium.

Capitol Park IV and the management of the high rise apartment at Eye and Third Sts. have an agreement that mutual access to their grounds must be allowed on request. The high rise is completely surrounded by an iron fence, but entry is possible with the use of plastic cards. These are available to Capitol Park residents.

Under the proposed fencing, residents of the high rise at Eye and Third St. would be able to walk through Capitol Park IV's Delaware Ave. entrance if they requested entry cards, but other pedestrians, including those using the Metro station at Third and C Sts., would walk through Capitol Park from Eye to G

S.W. Honoree

Dr. Reginald Wilson, senior scholar at the American Council on Education (ACE) and SW resident was honored on February 19, 1994 at the Park Hyatt Hotel. Tribute was paid to a great scholar, visionary, advocate, and mentor.

Calendar

Apr. 20 Wed. Southwest AARP Chapter #4451, St. Matthews Church 12:30 pm

Apr. 21 Thurs. DCFCFA Forum on Juvenile Violence, Ft. McNair's Officers Club 9 am

Apr. 22 Fri. Southwest Neighborhood Assembly elections, Waterside Mall, 2 - 6 pm

Apr. 23 Sat. Southwest Neighborhood Assembly elections, Waterside Mall, 10 - pm

Apr. 25 Mon. Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Annual Meeting and Wily Branton Community Development Corporation elections, St. Matthews Church 3rd and M St SW, 6:30 pm

Apr. 28 Thurs. NARFE Chapter 2052, Southwest Branch Library, 1:30 pm

May 3 Tues. First District Citizens Advisory Council, Police Headquarters, 4th and E SW, 7:30 pm

May 9 Mon. Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D, Westminster Church, 400 I (Eye) St. SW 7:30 pm

May 15 Sun. Nat. Kidney Found. RIVERTREK '94, Police and Fire Pier on Southwest waterfront, 8 am



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Led by new Executive Director Al Freeman, the Southwest Community House hopes to reinvent itself in the spirit of springtime.

Since January, much of the Southwest House's efforts have gone to improving the physical condition of the facility. In addition, this spring, the House hopes to have personnel from neighboring Ft. McNair assist in further improving the outside of the building, while volunteers from Habitat for Humanity may visit to spruce up the interior.

Employment workshops, held in March, are set to continue, with two scheduled for each month. The crisis intervention staffers will also hold monthly workshops for community residents.

In May, the Southwest House will participate in a fair and tribute to Father Haddad, the longtime Southwest leader who has since relocated in Massachusetts.

For more information about the Southwest House or any of its programs, call 202-488-7210.

Y.A.T.F. Benefit

Many thanks to S.W. resident Barbara Peirce for donating the profits from a sale of her own hand weavings and wearable art to the YATF. We always like to hear about people who share their talents with their community.

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SWNA BOARD CANDIDATES

by Karen L. Wilson

Elections for the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will be held Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23 at the Safeway. All Southwest residents are encouraged to vote and take part in the SWNA to help better the community in which we all live.

Running for President is John Brown, who is the current president of the SWNA. He is active with the Samoan Delegation and used to be with the Smithsonian.

Dr. Margaret Feldman is running for Vice President. Feldman is a former college professor, Congressional committee staffer and lobbyist. She is currently the Washington Policy Representative of the National Council on Family Relations. She has lived in Southwest for years and recently won the Air Force Association's Women of Distinction Award. She is a firm believer in being active in one's community to improve, not complain.

Dr. Beryl Rice, running for Secretary, has lived with her husband in Southwest for 20 years. For the past 10 years, she has been an active member of the SWNA, most recently as the Chair of the Youth Activities Task Force. She also is the Vice President of the Board for the YWCA of U.S.A. She hopes, as part of the SWNA leadership, to "involve more people in the community."

Mr. Lonnie Murray has served as SWNA Treasurer for three years. Although it is a lot of draining work for him, Murray will run again, hoping to help the SWNA "expand services; we get locked into the same activities every year," he says. He is self-employed in the real estate business and has lived in Southwest with his family for 22 years.

Come out and vote on April 22 and 23. Write-in votes are always encouraged.

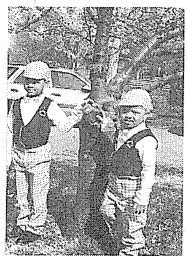
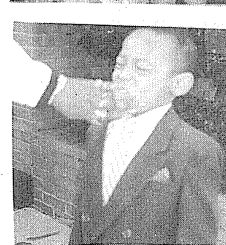
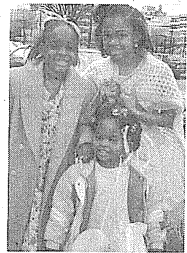
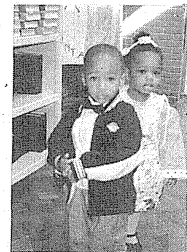
Auction to Benefit Day Care Center

An auction to benefit the Early Environment's Child Development Center will be held on May 13, 1994 from 6 to 9 pm. The auction will be held in the party room at Waterside Towers, 901 6th St. SW. Tickets for the auction and for any accompanying dinner can be obtained at the door or in advance by contacting Barbara Elkus, 260-7082, or Julie Domike, 260-6577.

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Abiri Ward, a resident of Southwest, Washington, D.C., recently competed in this year's 13-14 year old Junior Olympics at Hunter Mountain, New York and finished in the top 10 in one of the slalom runs in Vermont Alpine Racing Association competitions. He also competed in an Eastern Regional Challenge Cup at Sugar Loaf, Maine and won first place in a giant slalom race.

His name is from the Yorubar Tribe of Nigeria and it means "destined to go far."

Abiri was 2 years old when he first started skiing and only 7 years old when he began competing in ski racing. How did he get started that early? One weekend his mother, Emma Ward, scheduled to go skiing at Seven Springs, Pennsylvania. She could not find a babysitter and ended up taking him with her. "How confining to have a 2 year-old in a place like Seven Springs with so many things there to do," said his mother. She inquired at the Ski School, registered him for the Saturday morning session, and he liked it! He liked it so much that she registered him for the Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning sessions, and he has been skiing ever since.

Abiri is currently a full-time student at Burke Mountain Academy, a ski academy, in East Burke, Vermont. One of the main obstacles in this type of sport is the enormous costs involved. Tuition alone is \$18,000. This does not include the additional training and travel expenses involved, not only during the winter season, but also during the summer.

The ninth-grader, with funding help from the Washington-based National Brotherhood of Skiers Association, is in his first year at Burke. "You need to live near a mountain in order to ski at an Olympic level," said his mother, who believes the family has made the right decision in giving her son the best opportunity to pursue his goal is to become the first minority member of the U.S. Olympic Team.

Abiri is a member of the National Brotherhood of Skiers and Black Ski who are providing him with additional funding to offset the expenses involved. Abiri's plans to be involved in more ski training during the summer in New Zealand, France, Austria, or Mt. Hood in Oregon, are contingent on whether funds are available.

For anyone interested in getting involved in his program or any skiing program, please contact the Youth Director at Black Ski, Inc., P.O. Box 90762, Washington, D.C. 20090-7762, or call 301-391-3900.

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Abiri Ward, Olympic Bound

SWNA Elections

The workshop at the March meeting of the Southwest was most informative. It was led by Dr. Beryl Rice. The main purpose was to explore the various issues which concern the community. A by-product of the workshop was the enthusiastic feeling which was created. Several people were nominated for office and many accepted.

Those on the ballot will be president - John Brown, vice president - Margaret Feldman, secretary - Beryl Rice, treasurer - Lonnie Murray. Information about them is in adjacent article. In addition, representatives from each of the four districts will be elected. The reps are listed below. The reps are board members who are liaisons with the community members from the particular district where they reside.

District 1 consists of 700-7th St., 1000-6th St., 1100-6th St., Waterside Towers, the town houses between 7th St. and 4th St. and M St. and the freeway. Those running are:

Apaula Brown-former Congressional staff assistant, representative to SWNA since 1990, currently associated with National Conference of State's Society

Jackie Williams-former SWNA representative

District 2 consists of Capitol Park. Candidates are:

no volunteers

District 3 consists of Tiber Island, Carrollsburg Square, Riverpark, Riverside, Harbour Square and the townhouses near the river. Candidates are:

Margaret Feldman-chair of River Park 25th anniversary, former president of SWNA for two terms, president of S.W. Community Council
Walter Brooks-26 year resident Tiber Island, retired from D.C. Public Schools, active in SWNA, Y.A.T.F., Wiley Branton Community Development Corp., Randall Homeless Feeding Program thru St. Augustines Church

District 4 consists of King James, Greenleaf, area near 2nd Baptist, it is bounded by M St. on the North, Delaware Ave. on the East and the Anacostia River on the South & East. Those running are:

Phyllis Martin-President James Creek Resident Council, Vice-President S.W. Public Housing Commission, on the city-wide Public Housing Advisory Board

Kenneth Moon-former SWNA representative for 2 terms, science teacher, president of Tel-court

Peggy Jackson-James Creek Resident Council, SWNA Board member 1993-94, member of 1st District Citizen Advisory Board

Emma Ward - Program Analyst with the Agric. Dept., 93-pres. volunteer resource manager for Tutoring Program, '89-pres. president Van Ness tutors

The Election will be held on Fri. April 22 from 2-6 pm and Sat. April 23 10-5 outside of the Safeway. It will be conducted by the SW League of Women Voters.

Anyone who is a member of the Assembly may vote. Everyone votes for officers. Residents of each of the 4 districts vote for only the persons running in their specific district. Confused? There will be a map at the elections so that people can figure out which district they live in. Write-ins are encouraged - the only requirement is that there must be 10 different voters for the same write-in. We hope to have a large turn-out. The officers will be installed at the next SWNA meeting April 25th, 6:30 pm at St. Matthews (3rd & M St.)

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ANC Meeting

At its March 14, 1994 meeting ANC 2D:

1. Endorsed Terry Parmelee's proposal for a juried sculpture exhibition next year in the Tiber Island plaza.
2. Heard DHCD officials James Kerr and Jerry Grossman, appearing in place of DHCD chief Merrick Malone, give an update on the implementation of DHCD's SW Waterfront Master Plan.
3. Discussed management's efforts to improve the operation of the Peoples Drugs Waterside Mall store with the District Manager, Mike Smoot and others.
4. Listened to Richard Jung, of the Mayor's Office on Asian Affairs, explain the mission of his office and his efforts to mediate consumer complaints about Stephens Butcher Shop.

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5. Agreed to offer no objection to renewal of the ABC licenses of the Capitol Yacht Club, Phillips Flagship, Le Rivage, and Pier 7.
6. Agreed that the ANC would: (a) request that the D.C. government delay the sale of Syphax School until October 1, 1995; (b) explore the feasibility of designating Syphax School as an historic site; and, (c) explore the possible use of the school as a community center.
7. Appointed Margaret Feldman as a member of the Public Education and Recreation Committee.
8. Voted to ask the ABC Board to reconsider a decision affecting its opposition to 7-Eleven's license to sell beer and wine to withdraw the Commission's protest if the ABC Board will not reconsider its decision.
9. Expressed its view that the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation needs to have better communication.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the ANC will be 7:30 pm, Monday, April 11, 1994 at 400 I Street SW (in the basement of Westminster Church). The agenda, which is subject to last minute changes, now tentatively includes: Discussion of Safeway's Waterside Mall store with the District manager; and a discussion of the installation of parking meters on Buzzard Point.

Cross Fire - St. Matthew's

CROSS FIRE, a group of six young musical men and women, returns to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Thursday, May 26, at 6:30 pm for song, slides, and a recap of their last six month's work with people in the nation of West Africa.

The musical and theatrical group is one of twelve sponsored by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to work in African and Latin American countries this year. CROSS FIRE completed its tour in Ghana, Ivory Coast and Nigeria early this May. The group first performed at St. Matthew's, 222 M St. SW, last October.

Neighborhood residents are invited. Typical African refreshments will be served.

MERCHANTS' CORNER



GRAND RE-OPENING

by Carol Bledsoe

Mr. Samuel Pope is happy about the re-opening of the "Head to Toe" Unisex Salon. The co-owner, who was featured in an earlier issue of the *Southwester*, held a grand re-opening reception on March 13th.

The celebration, which attracted a crowd of over 150 people, featured a hair and fashion show, dinner buffet, and a performance by the singing group, "X-Cellence". Majic 102.3 FM deejay Gree Taylor served as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Pope explains that he moved to the new location at 1412 4th Street, S.W. as a business move, not because of any problems with the management of Waterside Mall. He is "very ecstatic" about the large amount of space and the better opportunities that he can provide to his customers.

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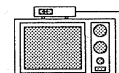
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MARCH MELODIES

Wallace Babington

Beautiful music is a rare treat at any time in any place. But it is especially appreciated when it takes place in your own community in pleasant surroundings. That's what happens when the Capitol Woodwind Quintet plays at St. Augustine's Church & Temple Micah on Sunday afternoons. Their most recent concert was on Sunday, March 13.

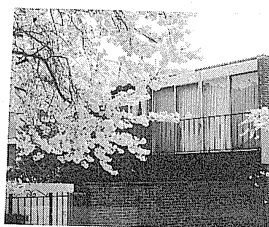
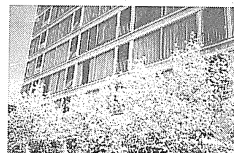
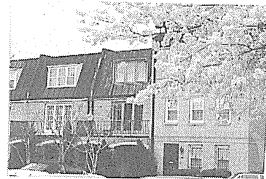
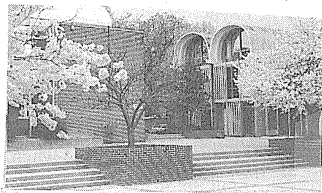
The members of the Quintet are all professional, highly skilled musicians who play together beautifully. The music selected for the March concert was not the usual familiar concert music (Bach, Mozart, Vivaldi). Nonetheless is was melodic and entertaining. And provided an opportunity to hear different music

and discover new composers. The members of the Quintet take turns discussing the music that is to be played prior to each selection. The discussions include an element of humor and even give-and-take dialogue with the audience. This adds to the interest of the concert and creates a sort of familiarity and informality that give the concerts a unique flavor.

Speaking of flavor: Each concert is followed by a post-concert reception in the basement of the church/temple. It provides a opportunity to meet friends and neighbors who attend the concerts and also to discuss the music with members of the Quintet. An added benefit is that the food is superb - worthy of any Embassy reception.

We are fortunate to have such fine music in our community. The next concert is on Sunday, June 12, at 5:00 PM at St. Augustine's Church & Temple Micah.

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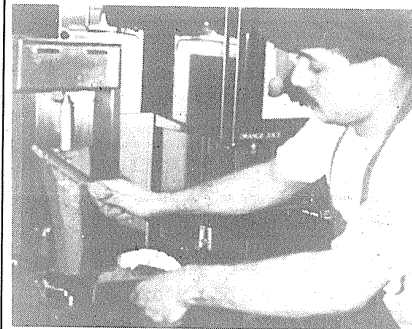
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COG'S REPORT ON ELDERLY

A significant proportion of the region's elderly have incomes that fall below the amount they need to pay for basic services, according to a new report released today by the Council of Governments (COG).

The minimum standard of need measures the income needs of relatively healthy elderly people able to live independent lives without supported care or subsidized housing. It was developed by COG after officials found that federal poverty guidelines do not reflect the high cost of living in the Washington metropolitan region. COG's minimum standard is a more accurate indicator of the income needed by older persons to maintain an adequate standard of living in their jurisdiction.

Key findings in the report, "Assessing the Adequacy of Elderly Household Incomes in the Metropolitan Washington Region," suggest that local governments should investigate the level of assistance needed by these elderly households to pay for basic needs such as shelter, transportation, clothing and medical costs.

"Even if an elderly household has more income than the federal poverty level, it still may not have enough to survive," said Jearline F. Williams, chair of COG's Technical Committee on the Aging.

The report also recommends that local governments should develop better ways to measure the financial needs of their elderly residents, taking into account consumer costs and living arrangements, specific to elders in each jurisdiction. These measures would allow local governments to better target resources to assist those who are poverty-stricken and physically challenged.

Frederick County and the District of Columbia have the highest percentage of elderly households falling below the standard. For example, 72 percent of elderly households with only one person aged 75+ in Frederick County and 56 percent in the District fall below the minimum standard.

Compared to the region as a whole, Arlington, Fairfax, and Montgomery Counties have the smallest percentage of elderly households falling below the minimum standard.

COG's Technical Committee on the Aging began to study the issue of federal poverty guidelines after finding that they do not accurately measure financial needs of the elderly standard in the high-cost metropolitan Washington region. As a result, the standard was developed to reflect the true economic needs of the region's elderly.

FATHER THIBAUT AT ST. DOMINIC'S

Cardinal Hickey has appointed Fr. Donald Thibault, O.P., Pastor of St. Dominic's Parish. He comes from St. Thomas Parish, Zanesville, Ohio, where he was Associate Pastor.

Fr. Thibault was born in Lewiston, Maine, entered the Dominican Order in 1961, and was ordained a priest at St. Dominic's in 1968. He has taught theology at Barry University, Miami, Florida, and served as Associate Pastor at St. Louis Bertrand's Parish in Louisville, Kentucky.

He was also Prior of the Dominican Community and Pastor of St. Rose in Springfield, Kentucky, and Superior and Pastor at Holy Name Parish in Valhalla, New York.

Last month, the *Southwester* misspelled the pastors name, this is the correct spelling. Sorry for the error.

CAPITOL PARK LEGEND

by Margaret Rozelle

Mrs. Frances P. Payne, considered a legend by many Capitol Park residents for her many years of dedicated services to the building and residents, will be feted at a reception on Sunday, May 15, 1994.

Mrs. Payne's career at the Southwest high rise ended abruptly on January 14th, 1994 when the oldest apartment building in the "new Southwest" underwent new management due to new ownership.

Mrs. Payne began her career at the complex in September 1962 as a receptionist. During her thirty one and one half years, she advance to become assistant manager and manager, and later, under various managing firms for the complex, was responsible for long-term residents and finally as chief of household and maintenance staff.

Considered by many as a workaholic, Mrs. Payne was applauded for her many acts of concern and kindness and her long hours of duty and energetic mind and body. Her day often began as early as 4:00 AM when she would prepare coffee and tea which was available for all guest, tenants and staff to enjoy during the early morning. Over the years, she would plan and host parties in the lobby for all residents and staff, and always spent hours each year decorating the Xmas tree in the lobby. She knew every area of the building and grounds, each resident by name, and assisted many residents with various personal problems. Not only did she maintain an 'open door' policy, but a line of communication at her residence. She was never too busy to listen to or help anyone. She loved Capitol Park, and the residents love her.

Any former residents or community associates, who would like to participate in this honor, are invited to contact Ms. Margaret Rozelle at 202-554-3653.

The reception will be held on Sunday, May 15, 1994 from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM, North Lobby Conference Room, 800 4th Street, SW,

The 3rd Annual Flower & Plant Sale

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The S.W. Scholarship Fund plans to have a flower and plant sale on Friday, May 7 and Saturday, May 8 at Waterside Mall. They will be there from 10 am - 4 pm on Friday and from 10 am - 1 pm on Saturday.